

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated July 12, 2004, the following rejections were made:

Claims 6-7 and 14: Rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the combination of U.S. Patent 2,881,619 to Fox et al. with U.S. Patent 6,743,137 to Rilbe.

Claims 11-12: Rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the combination of U.S. Patent 2,881,619 to Fox et al. with U.S. Patent 6,743,137 to Rilbe, and further in view of U.S. Patent 5,695,425 to Hashimoto.

Claim 13: Rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the combination of U.S. Patent 2,881,619 to Fox et al. with U.S. Patent 6,743,137 to Rilbe and U.S. Patent 5,695,425 to Hashimoto, , and further in view of U.S. Patent 3,304,795 to Rouveral.

Amendments made herein comply with requirements of form expressly set forth in the Office Action. Applicant asserts that the claim amendments herein place the case either in condition for allowance or in better form for appeal.

Claims 6-7 and 14

Reconsideration of the Examiner's rejection of Claims 6-7 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the combination of being unpatentable over the combination of U.S. Patent 2,881,619 to Fox et al. with U.S. Patent 6,743,137 to Rilbe is respectfully requested.

Claim 6 has been amended to recite that the present invention provides a "a first structural link rigidly attached to the actuator shell using by quick-change attachment structure; and a second structural link rigidly attached to the output attachment plate by quick-change attachment structure.". As such, Claim 6 is patentably distinct from the invention disclosed in Fox for the reasons here provided.

Claim 6, in essence, has been amended to include the limitations acknowledged by the Examiner as allowable in Claims 8-10. Claim 7, from which claim 8 depends, and claim 8 have been withdrawn.

Note that claim 9 has been amended to depend from claim 6. Also, claim 10, by virtue of its dependence on claim 6, as currently amended, now includes all of the limitations of claim 6.

Claims 11-12:

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requested.

Claims 11 and 12, by virtue of their dependence on claim 6, as currently amended, now include all of the limitations of claim 6. Accordingly, Applicant submits that claims 11 and 12 are allowable as stated.

Claims 13:

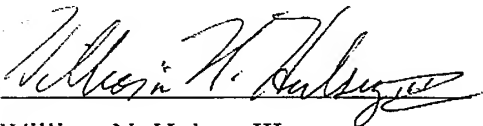
Reconsideration of the Examiner's rejection of Claim 13 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the combination of U.S. Patent 2,881,619 to Fox et al. with U.S. Patent 6,743,137 to Rilbe and U.S. Patent 5,695,425 to Hashimoto, , and further in view of U.S. Patent 3,304,795 to Rouveral is respectfully requested.

Claim 13, by virtue of their dependence on claim 6, as currently amended, now include all of the limitations of claim 6. Accordingly, Applicant submits that claim 13 is allowable as stated.

CONCLUSION

Applicant has now made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicant respectfully requests full allowance of Claims 6 through 14.

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